External financial assistance for promotion of education

4069. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank and the International Financial Institutions are providing financial assistance for promotion of education;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the achievements made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The International Development Association (World Bank) is providing credit of approximately Rs. 323 crore and Rs. 1250 crore for implementation of Technician Education Project-Ill (Tech. Ed. Ill) and the Technical Educational Qualify Improvement Programme of Government of India (TEQIP) respectively.

The Tech. Ed. Ill project is being implemented in 8 States/Union Territory, namely Arunachal Pradesh, Meghayala, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Jammu & Kashmir and Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands covering 12 existing and 9 new polytechnics.

The TEQIP is being implemented in 13 States, namely Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and West Bengal covering 132 institutions (18 centrally funded and 114 States institutions).

(c) The Tech. Ed. Ill project created annual intake capacity of 740 students in new polytechnics, 547 student hostel places in the new -and existing polytechnics, 565 faculty and staff received content up-gradation, pedagogical hi-tech equipment maintenance and utilization training to enhance their efficiency and started 15 new emerging technology courses.

TEQIP will improve efficiency and effectiveness of technical education management system in the States and institutions selected under the programme.